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TITLE OF INVENTION: INTEGRALLY MOUNTED PNEUMATIC SOLENOID VALVE FOR WASTEGATE CONTROL.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/361,644

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Thai-Ba Trieu

Group Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☐ This communication is responsive to _____

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto ~~or to~~ Paper No. _____

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Election/Restriction

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The species of Figures **2-6**, and the species of Figures **7-8**.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. ***Felix L. Fischer (Reg. # 31,614)*** on Tuesday October 10, 2000, at 2:55PM, a provision election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of species of Figures **2-6**, **claims 1-2**. Claims **3-6** have been withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

However, after reconsidering, the examiner found that the search for the species of Figures 7-8 was coextensive with the species of Figures 2-6; therefore, the Examiner has withdrawn the Election/Restriction Requirement.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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- In claims 4-6, line 1, "A" before "*turbocharger*" has been replaced by --The--.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious the claimed combination of claim 1 and 3 including:

“Regarding claim 1:

- *a valve mount integral with the compressor housing and disposed along a compressor housing outside surface, the valve mount including a first air port disposed therein in communication with the compressor volute, and a second air port disposed therein in communication with the compressor air intake; means for attaching the valve mount to a solenoid valve; and means for forming a leak-tight seal between the solenoid valve and the valve mount first and second air ports.*

Regarding claim 3:

- a solenoid actuated valve mounted on the planar mounting face and having a poppet adapted to seal the second bore aperture in a first position and connect the aperture to a flow path in a second position, the flow path communicating with the third bore; and a control means for energizing the solenoid”.

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Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consist of the following patents:

- Roby et al. (US Patent Number 6,089,019) disclose a turbocharger having a restrictor valve, and exhaust recirculation valve.

- Kurihara (US Patent Number 5,289,683) discloses a method for controlling supercharging pressure in an automobile engine.

- Tadokoro et al. (US Patent Number 4,745,753) disclose an engine turbo-supercharger control.

- Tadokoro et al. (US Patent Number 4,404,804) disclose an internal combustion engine having a turbo-supercharger and a catalytic exhaust gas purifying device.

- Moriguchi et al. (US Patent Number 4,485,626) discloses an apparatus for controlling the ignition timing of an internal combustion engine having a turbocharger.

- Jackson (US Patent Number 4,516,401) discloses a supercharged engine charge control.

- Otake et al. (US Patent Number 4,697,421) disclose a supercharging pressure control system for an internal combustion engine with a turbocharger and a method of operation.

- Eguchi (Patent Number JP 3566020719 A) discloses an automobile internal combustion engine with an exhaust turbocharger.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai-Ba Trieu whose telephone number is (703-308-6450) . The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion, can be reached on (703) 308 - 2623. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308 - 7763. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308 - 0861.


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Thai-Ba Trieu

October 24, 2000

Patent Examiner

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